

**Talking Points for the SSCI Testimony
by the
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
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In order to discuss the papers you asked about, it is important to understand why the CIA has stopped releasing unclassified analytical reports as Agency publications.

--In such reports methodology and evidence were largely eliminated.

--This gave the impression that our work was superficial, if not incomplete.

--Much time was wasted in dealing with the controversy that was generated.

--Unclassified analysis almost always looked political.

--If a paper's conclusions supported the administration, there were charges we were being co-opted.

--Where they seemed to undercut, there were cries of political advocacy.

--Unclassified analysis threatened sources. If the Agency would publish on one topic, what guarantees would sources have that their information wouldn't be released in another report.

The decision not to publish unclassified analysis under Agency seal doesn't mean that we provide no public information. For example:

--Reference-type publications are still released.

--Data in detail on the Soviet and Chinese economies are still published under JEC auspices.

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--It would have become ammunition for all sides in the budget debate.

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Mr Chairman:

On 10 March 1983 the budget subcommittee of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence raised questions concerning the advisability of ceasing publication on Soviet military and aid activities. Today I would like to

--Explore the logic behind the Agency's policy of not publishing unclassified analytical reports.

--Review in general terms what has been discontinued and what is still being published in unclassified form by the Agency.

--Explain the types of unclassified reports that we publish

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--Specifically discuss the two reports cited in the March 1983 edition of the Armed Forces Journal.

I believe that in order to discuss the Agency's dollar costing work and report on Communist aid activity it's important to understand the backdrop behind the issue of classified versus unclassified publication.

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